

ABSTRACT

5 A copyright information management system supporting
the management and protection of products comprised of
digitalized multimedia content in a product distribution
environment. The copyright information management system
(10) provides a copyright information management center
(11), provided in a product distribution environment (15)
where products are distributed through communications
10 lines (14) between a product provider (12) including at
least one of a copyright owner and distributor and a
product user (13) receiving the product, for exchanging
information relating to the products through the
communications lines (14). The copyright information
15 management center (11) centrally manages all copyright
information through the communications lines (14) by
preregistering copyright information relating to the
individual products in the center (11).